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SUBJECT: REVISED MANDATE FOR COMMITTEE FOR ENERGY POLICY

1. FOLLOWING IS REVISED TEXT JUST CIRCULATED BY SECRETARIAT, OF OPERATIVE PORTION OF CEP MANDATE REFLECTING MINOR CHANGES MADE AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION JULY 13. CHANGES INCLUDE: A REVISION OF PARA 3 (INSISTED ON BY THE AUSTRALIANS AND FRG) TO MAKE THE ORIGINAL WORDING CLEARER AND TO DELETE THE CONCEPT OF "SUPERVISION" OF LTEA (AUSTRALIANS ARGUED THAT SUPERVISION WOULD BOG CEP DOWN INTO LENGTHY TECHNICAL DISCUSSION); AND, ADDITION OF WORD "ENVIRONMENTAL" IN PARA 5 TO ENSURE THIS PREVIOUSLY AGREED AREA OF CEP WORK PROGRAM IS COVERED UNDER LIAISON ACTIVITIES FORMULATION.

2. MANDATE IS UP FOR ADOPTION AT COUNCIL MEETING JULY 20 SINCE CHANGES DO NOT AFFECT U.S. SUBSTANTIVE POSITION, WE WOULD PLAN TO SUPPORT ITS ADOPTION BY COUNCIL.

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3. BEGIN TEXT

I. THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ENERGY POLICY, PROVIDED FOR BY THE RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF 29TH APRIL, 1975, REFERRED TO ABOVE IS REVISED AND SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE COMMITTEE'S COMPETENCE SHALL EXTEND TO ALL ENERGY RESOURCES.
2. THE COMMITTEE SHALL PROMOTE THE COOPERATION OF MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY POLICY. TO THIS END, IT SHALL UNDERTAKE STUDIES AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ENERGY POLICY.
3. MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE COMMITTEE SHALL UNDERTAKE REGULAR REVIEWS OF THE LONGER-TERM PROSPECTS OF THE ENERGY MARKETS OF THE WORLD, PARTICULARLY ON THE BASIS OF THE UPDATING OF THE LONG-TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT, AND SHALL DISCUSS ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS WHICH SUCH REVIEWS REVEAL.
4. THE COMMITTEE SHALL ALSO PERIODICALLY REVIEW THE ENERGY SITUATION IN ITS NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS.
5. THE COMMITTEE SHALL ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY LIAISON WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY AND THE NUCLEAR ENERGY AGENCY. THE COMMITTEE SHALL ALSO ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY LIAISON WITH THE COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING INTO ACCOUNT AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF ENERGY POLICIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
6. THE COMMITTEE SHALL UNDERTAKE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FORMER OIL COMMITTEE UNDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL OF 29TH JUNE, 1971, ON OIL STOCKPILING AND THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF 14TH NOVEMBER, 1972, ON EMERGENCY PLANS AND MEASURES AND APPORTIONMENT OF OIL SUPPLIES IN AN EMERGENCY IN THE OECD EUROPEAN AREA.

II. PARAGRAPH 27 OF THE ANNEX TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"27. COMMITTEE FOR ENERGY POLICY: ITS MANDATE IS
DEFINED IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL
(C(76)91(1ST REVISION))."

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